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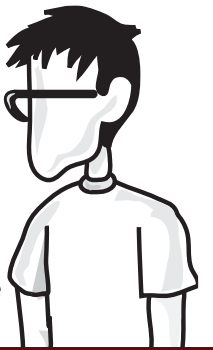
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Students, community members beef up business



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Loretta Grant, better known as the balloon lady, twists together a headdress at the Meet Me on Main event Tuesday. Grant said she also makes balloons at fundraisers for local schools and other community events. "This is how I make my money," Grant said.

Meet Me on Main attracts a crowd

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More than 1,000 students and community members flocked to the Recreation Center yesterday for the seventh annual Meet Me on Main Street event.

Roughly 20 businesses from Main Street set up booths with information and gave away cou-

pons and free food to whomever could push their way through the crowd. An inflatable bungee run and a rock-climbing wall and a bags tournament challenged students.

Prizes were also up for grabs, including \$100 in cash, gift certificates from the surrounding businesses and roundtrip Amtrak tickets to Chicago.

Meghan Cole, executive director of Carbondale Main Street,

said it has been a very positive event in the past. This is her third year working with Main Street to organize the event, which cost around \$2,000, she said.

“Students have enjoyed it and we enjoy putting it on.”

— Meghan Cole
executive director of
Carbondale Main Street

part of the Carbondale community and the Carbondale business

community as well.”

Guided tours of downtown were offered on the student trams with upperclassman describing the Main Street area.

“You also get different peoples’ opinions and other students’ insights on where to get the best coffee and things like that,” Cole said. “It’s really great for freshmen or new students who don’t have cars.”

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Poshard: Enrollment numbers in limbo

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The official enrollment report will not be released until Sept. 4, but administrators are already preparing for what it could bring.

In an interview with WSIU that aired Monday morning, SIU President Glenn Poshard said enrollment was down 800 students on the Carbondale campus. Poshard said the information is about two weeks old, from when the interview was originally done.

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SIU President

“That was what we anticipated at the time,” Poshard said. “I don’t know what’s happened in the last couple of weeks.”

Poshard said he does not know whether the estimate has increased or declined in that time. The economic situation, the loss of grant funding and decline in state appropriations are negative influences on enrollment numbers, Poshard said.

“All of those things combined are certainly going to impact the number of students we get,” Poshard said.

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Illinois higher education slumps in affordability

Lack of state funds has made SIUC less accessible

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Illinois is rapidly losing its image as an affordable place for higher education and administrators say without state help, not much can be done.

The state received a failing grade in the subject of affordability for 2008 from the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education (NCPPE), the same group that once ranked Illinois one of the most affordable places for higher education. SIU President Glenn Poshard

said the university has been dealing with declining state funds for almost a decade, which has brought increased tuition and fees for students every year.

Chancellor Sam Goldman said the cost being passed on to the public is a tragic consequence of the lack of state funds.

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SIU president

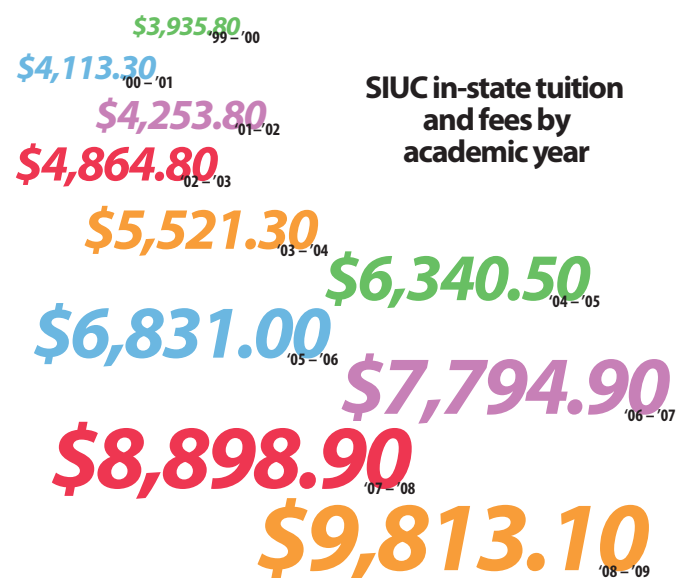
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Rep. Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro, said the increase in tuition and fees is making it increasingly difficult for middle- and low-income families to afford higher education. Bost, who serves on the House Higher Education committee, said the constant increases have obstructed the university’s most important mission.

“A quality education for a very affordable price,” Bost said. “That was the goal and plan.”

According to a 2008 survey done by the NCPPE, 67 percent of Americans believe a college education is no longer accessible to all, leaving many qualified candidates without the option of attending a college or university.

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14%

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71%

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President Glenn Poshard's contract was extended until 2015 recently. How do you feel about Poshard's position?

A. I think it's great. He has kept the school running in a time of budgetary crisis.

B. I don't understand this decision because I thought he plagiarized his dissertation.

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Gov. Quinn says scholarships should be need-based

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ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

CHAMPAIGN — Gov. Pat Quinn on Tuesday said the university-funded scholarships that state lawmakers hand out should be need based and be part of discussions this fall at the Capitol about shortfalls in state financial aid funding.

Some longtime critics of the General Assembly scholarships also said the political atmosphere in the state right now might lend itself to rare change in the century-old perk.

An Associated Press review of state records of political donations and recipients of General Assembly scholarships found that between 2004 and 2009, at least 41 scholarships went to relatives of someone who gave money to the lawmaker awarding the perk. At least 42 more went to relatives of other people with political ties — donors to other politicians, lobbyists, party officials and others.

The state provides no money for the scholarships and requires only that students live in the lawmakers' district. The scholarships costs state universities \$12.5 million in 2008.

Quinn said Tuesday that he wants lawmakers to talk this fall — when he wants them to look for money to

make up for cuts made this year in state financial aid programs — about how they award the scholarships and the money they cost universities.

“If part of that conversation involves how legislators use their scholarships, I think that might be a good time.

“If I had my way I think we ought to have a system where the money that is used for that is applied for by students based on need,” Quinn added.

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—Pat Quinn
Illinois governor

A spokeswoman for Senate President John Cullerton, a Chicago Democrat, said he is reviewing how the General Assembly members hand out the scholarships.

“That’s something he’s willing to look at now to see if there is a better way to do that,” Rikeesha Phelon said.

AP’s review didn’t find any schol-

arships given by Cullerton to donors.

House leader Mike Madigan, another Democrat from Chicago, voted for legislation to end the scholarships in 2004, a bill that died in the house, and probably would again, spokesman Steve Brown said.

But the speaker doesn’t see any new need for action to end the scholarships or change how they’re awarded or financed, Brown said.

“With some obvious exceptions which could be questioned, it seems like most of them are awarded without any questions,” Brown said.

Madigan didn’t give any scholarships to his political donors’ relatives during the years reviewed by AP.

Some lawmakers defend the scholarships, saying that, while the rules about how they’re awarded could be standardized, the program itself is a good way to send deserving students to college.

“I’ve always looked on it as something that was available to me that can help a child,” said state Sen. William Haine, an Alton Republican who gave a scholarship in 2006 to the son of a local mayor, who later that year donated \$850 to Haine. — Haine said the man had limited financial means to send his son, who graduated high in his high school class, to college.

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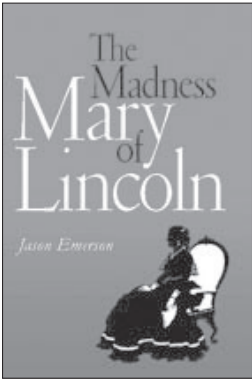
University press enters ‘Madness’

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For Jason Emerson, inspiration was found in a decades-old steamer trunk. Emerson, author of “The Madness of Mary Lincoln,” recently had his title selected as one of bookXYZ.com’s Top 25 Books From University Presses. The Southern Illinois University Press in Carbondale published Emerson’s book. For his award-winning piece, Emerson researched a biography of Robert Lincoln when he discovered, in a steamer trunk, letters that Mary Todd Lincoln had written while in an insane asylum. An asylum Robert Lincoln had her committed to, according to bookXYZ’s synopsis. “The letters were written while she was in an insane asylum in Batavia in 1875,” Emerson said. “They had been missing for over 80 years.” Emerson said he decided to shelve his Robert Lincoln biography when the owners of the letters gave him the go-ahead to write the

book. He had to write about it immediately, in case the letters were donated somewhere and another author had the chance to write about them, he said. He already had a contract with the SIU Press for his Robert Lincoln biography, but shifted to writing one about the lost letters and Mary Lincoln’s mental problems, he said. Publishing his book was not a problem as he said his relationship with the SIU Press has been great. “They have good ideas, but they also listen to the ideas that I have,” he said. Lain Adkins, the press’ director, said SIU’s specialty is publishing anyone writing in rhetoric and composition. The books the press publishes and markets are not commercially viable properties. Sometimes the books the press publishes that win awards might not sell more than 500 copies, he said. However, selling copies is not the press’ main goal. “Our mission is to facilitate communication between scholars,” he said.

They are able to pursue this mission with a small subsidy from the university to publish books commercial companies would not, he said. The press, which has been in operation for 52 years, is well known in select areas such as the Civil War and recently, film. That prominence makes the SIU Press one of the first places an author in those fields will submit a book, he said. The SIU Press offers authors the chance for other experts in the book’s subject to give the author feedback prior to a contract being signed, he said. “If someone submits a book to us, we send it to expert readers in their field who know the subject area and have them read the book,” he said. “The readers recommend publication or not, or recommend the book after revisions.” Emerson has enjoyed the freedom and decision-making abilities the press has offered him, like input on cover art and titles. “I’m really thankful that I found them when I was first pitching my first book around,” he said.



“The letters were written while she was in an insane asylum in Batavia in 1875.

— Jason Emerson
author of “The Madness of Mary Lincoln”

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Keeping debt down

Students have options when it comes to cutting costs

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The line of people curving down the hallway of the financial aid office does not surprise its director. With total costs for SIU students living on-campus for fall 2009 and spring 2010, roughly \$21,900, Linda Clemons, director of financial aid, said she expected an early semester rush. Clemons said students should use loans, grants and scholarships while making smart decisions about their budgeting and spending. The first thing students should do, she said, is fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Federal student aid, Clemons said, is the largest source of funding, and covers all fed-

eral grants, federal work-study and federal student loans. It is also an application for several state aid programs. Though several types of loans exist, Clemons said federal loans are the best option. With this type of loan, students can defer payment until they are completely finished with school, she said. Those pursuing an education should be more careful when considering alternative student loans, which lack the federal guarantee of repayment and have variable interest rates, she said. Alternative student loans usually have a fixed repayment period, meaning students who have not graduated could still have to begin paying back the loan, she said. Students who have yet to fill out the FAFSA for this semester

run little chance of receiving government money. Terri Harfst, academic scholarship advisor, said the deadline for campus-based aid is April 1. Students who did not complete the FAFSA before May 15 did not receive a Monetary Award Program grant or other state-based aid because the state ran out of money so quickly, Harfst said. "If students are going to get as much money as they possibly can, they need to do things in a timely manner," she said. The MAP grant is fully funded for the fall semester, but funding for the grant was cut from \$18.6 million to \$7.7 million, leaving no grants left for spring. Danielle Burford, a junior from Marion studying elementary education, said she has paid for much of her education through Pell and

MAP grants. With the latter being cut, she said she thinks she will owe about \$15,000 once she graduates. Derreck Langwith, a senior from Sparta studying linguistics, said he filed his FAFSA on time and received money from both the Pell and MAP grants. Through this and Veteran's Aid, Langwith said he thinks he will graduate with no college debt. "I'm very fortunate in that regard, because I know most students graduate with \$20,000, \$30,000 or \$40,000 in debt," he said. Langwith said students should fill out a FAFSA as soon as possible as well as search online and within their majors for scholarships. Even if scholarships are for amounts that may seem inconsequential, Harfst said they add up. There are plenty of Web sites

for different scholarships, she said, though students should not apply for anything that requires they pay a fee. Though there are many types of scholarships, Harfst said the application period for many of those funded by individual colleges and campus organizations is between December and February. Students should start searching for the scholarships and familiarizing themselves with the requirements now, she said. Even after receiving grants and scholarships, students may find themselves facing debt once they graduate. Still, Clemons said an education is well worth the potential cost. "Debt is an individual choice," she said. "A student loan is an investment in your future. It's a valuable investment."

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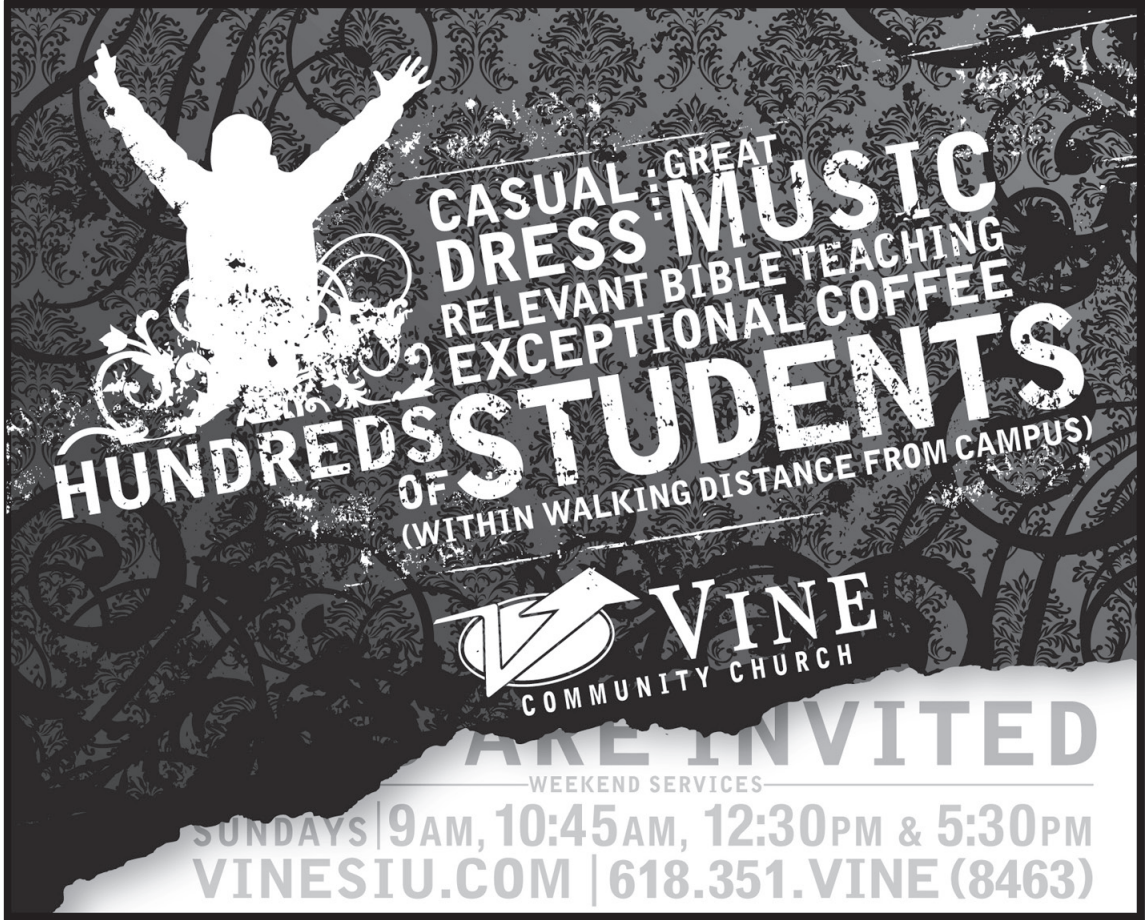
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Petraeus: More tough fighting ahead in Afghanistan

Bruce Schreiner
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LOUISVILLE, Ky. — The commander of the U.S. Central Command warned Tuesday that growing numbers of American soldiers sent to Afghanistan will encounter tough fighting, but said improving civilians' lives is as important to winning the war as defeating militants.

Gen. David Petraeus, speaking to the American Legion's national convention, said Taliban militants have expanded their influence in the war-ravaged country where U.S. forces are on track to reach 68,000 strong.

Petraeus, who oversees U.S. combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan and is best known for coordinating the troop surge that significantly reduced violence in Iraq, warned that "an enormous amount of hard work and tough fighting lies ahead" in Afghanistan.

"And reversing the downward trend in security, in particular, will require a sustained, substantial commitment from all involved," Petraeus said to the throngs of veterans who greeted him with a long ovation.

His comments came on the same day a bombing in Afghanistan killed four U.S. service members. August has become the second-deadliest month in the country since the 2001 U.S. invasion.

Amid signs of diminishing support for the conflict, Adm. Mike Mullen — the top U.S. military officer — said in his own speech to the veterans' group that he wel-

comed debate about the war in Afghanistan.

"Let's take a good, hard look at this fight we're in, what we're doing and why we're doing it," Mullen said. "I'd rather see us as a nation argue about the war, struggling to get it right, than ignore it."

Just more than 50 percent of respondents to a recent Washington Post-ABC News poll said the war in Afghanistan is not worth fighting. Three years ago, the U.S. had about 20,000 forces in Afghanistan.

Three times as many are there today and will reach 68,000 by year's end when all the extra 17,000 troops that President Barack Obama announced in March are in place. An additional 4,000 troops will help train Afghan forces.

In Washington, Bruce Riedel, a counterterrorism expert who was chairman of the Afghanistan strategy review that produced President Barack Obama's revised war approach in March, told a Brookings Institution forum that Obama had "inherited a disaster" in Afghanistan.

Riedel said anyone who believes that the U.S. and its allies can, in less than 12 to 18 months, get "anywhere near victory is living in a fantasy world."

In his speech, Mullen noted the al-Qaida forces behind the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks are "still at it."

Petraeus said defeating al-Qaida in Afghanistan will require "more than just killing or capturing terrorists and extremists."

He said American and coalition forces are working with civilian officials to help the Afghan



government win greater acceptance from its own people. Since the Taliban's fall, the country has seen mushrooming school enrollments, road building and expanding medical services, Petraeus said.

The goal is to stem recent political gains by the Taliban, the Islamic fundamentalist movement that ruled Afghanistan in the late 1990s and gave refuge to Osama bin Laden. And the military may need more than guns and bombs, Mullen said.

"The best instruments may be shovels, tractors and teaching

degrees," he said.

On Tuesday, early returns from Afghanistan's nationwide presidential vote showed incumbent Hamid Karzai and top challenger Abdullah Abdullah both with roughly 40 percent of the vote with 10 percent of polling stations counted. If neither gets more than 50 percent of the vote, the two will face each other in a runoff.

In Iraq, meanwhile, U.S. troops are helping the Iraqis build on "hard-earned progress," Petraeus said. He said Iraqi forces have proven capable of shouldering security

tasks in most of the country, though recent bombings in Baghdad remain a "serious concern."

Still, he said it appears the U.S. will be able to proceed with planned troop withdrawals. The current timeline calls for American combat troops to withdraw by August 2010, leaving behind a residual force of 35,000 to 50,000 troops to train and advise Iraqi security forces until a final pullout by the end of 2011.

Associated Press writer Robert Burns contributed to this report.

Most red ink ever: \$9 trillion over next decade

Jim Kuhnhen
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — In a chilling forecast, the White House is predicting a 10-year federal deficit of \$9 trillion — more than the sum of all previous deficits since America's founding. And it says by the next decade's end the national debt will equal three-quarters of the entire U.S. economy.

But before President Barack Obama can do much about it, he'll have to weather recession aftershocks including unemployment that his advisers said Tuesday is still heading for 10 percent.

Overall, White House and congressional budget analysts said in a brace of new estimates that the economy will shrink by 2.5 to 2.8 percent this year even as it begins to climb out of the recession. Those estimates reflect this year's deeper-than-expected economic plunge.

The grim deficit news presents Obama with both immediate and longer-term challenges. The still fragile economy cannot afford deficit-fighting cures such as spending cuts or tax increases. But nervous holders of U.S. debt, particularly foreign bondholders, could demand interest rate increases that would quickly be felt in the pocketbooks of American consumers.

Amid the gloomy numbers on Tuesday, Obama signaled his satis-

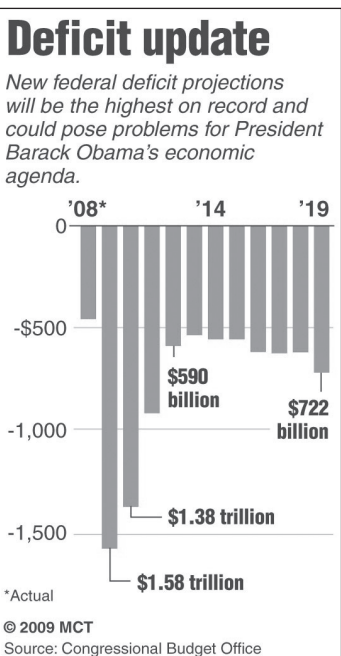
faction with improvements in the economy by announcing he would nominate Republican Ben Bernanke to a second term as chairman of the Federal Reserve. The announcement, welcomed on Wall Street, diverted attention from the budget news and helped neutralize any disturbance in the financial markets from the high deficit projections.

The White House Office of Management and Budget indicated that the president will have to struggle to meet his vow of cutting the deficit in half in 2013 — a promise that earlier budget projections suggested he could accomplish with ease.

"This recession was simply worse than the information that we and other forecasters had back in last fall and early this winter," said Obama economic adviser Christina Romer.

The deficit numbers also could complicate Obama's drive to persuade Congress to enact a major overhaul of the health care system — one that could cost \$1 trillion or more over 10 years. Obama has said he doesn't want the measure to add to the deficit, but lawmakers have been unable to agree on revenues that would cover the cost.

What's more, the high unemployment is expected to last well into the congressional election campaign next year, turning the contests into a referendum on Obama's economic policies.



Republicans were ready to pounce.

"The alarm bells on our nation's fiscal condition have now become a siren," said Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky. "If anyone had any doubts that this burden on future generations is unsustainable, they're gone — spending, borrowing and debt are out of control."

Even supporters of Obama's economic policies said the long-term outlook places the federal government on an unsustainable path that will force the president and Congress to consider politically unpopular measures, including tax increases and cuts in government programs.

Rocket takes off, satellite launch fails

Kwang-Tae Kim
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SEOUL, South Korea — South Korea's first rocket launch Tuesday failed to push a satellite into its orbit but the flawed mission may still anger rival North Korea, coming just months the communist nation's own launch drew international condemnation.

The failure dealt a blow to Seoul's quest to become a regional space power. It comes against the complex backdrop of relations on the Korean peninsula — and recent signs that months of heightened tension over the North's nuclear program may be easing.

Also Tuesday, a South Korean newspaper reported that North Korea has invited top envoys of President Barack Obama for the first nuclear negotiations between the two countries under his presidency, but Washington quickly said it has no plans to send the envoys to Pyongyang.

The North gave no immediate reaction to the rocket launch but has said it will watch to see if the U.S. and regional powers refer the matter to the U.N. Security Council — which in June approved sanctions on the North over its recent nuclear and missile tests.

The two-stage Naro rocket, whose first stage was designed by Russia, was South Korea's first launch

of a rocket from its own territory. It lifted off Tuesday from South Korea's space center on Oenaro Island, about 290 miles (465 kilometers) south of Seoul.

The rocket was carrying a domestically built satellite aimed at observing the atmosphere and oceans. A South Korean official said they could not trace the satellite in orbit after it separated from the rocket.

"We could not locate our satellite. It seems that communications with the satellite scheduled on Wednesday are unlikely to happen," Science Ministry official Yum Ki-soo told The Associated Press late Tuesday.

He said more details could be available on Wednesday as South Korean and Russian scientists were analyzing data to try to determine the cause of the failure.

Russia's Interfax-AVN news agency, citing an unidentified Russian space industry source, said the satellite never reached orbit and problems occurred in the South Korean-built second stage of the rocket.

In Moscow, an official at the Russian space agency, Roscosmos, declined to comment on the report that the satellite did not enter any orbit or say anything about what happened to it.

In joint statements, Roscosmos and the state-controlled Khrunichev company, which made the rocket's first stage, said that the first stage operated as planned.

INSIGHT



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A DAY AT THE BEACH

The beginning of classes marked the official demise of my summer as well as that of all my fellow students. Although I have experienced this many times before beginning elementary school and again in college, this most recent start of my junior year has hit me the hardest.

This past summer was one of many “firsts” in my life. It was the first summer I was away from home and it was the first summer where I was able to focus entirely on work without any distractions from school or social drama.

I worked full time as an intern for a large paper in the South and came a long way professionally and mentally. I gained knowledge, experience and equipment that will ensure my continued development as a photographer.

Being from the Midwest, I made sure to spend plenty of time at the beach. I would always bring my cameras and I didn’t leave until I had interacted with people and made a picture I was proud of.

Children are very easy to make good pictures of, too easy, in fact. As one SIU photojournalism professor (who shall remain unnamed in this column) says, “taking feature pictures of kids is like shooting fish in a barrel.”

Regardless, I enjoyed photographing this young boy and talking to his father. During the conversation I had with him after taking the picture, I learned that the father ran a home for troubled youth nearby. This interaction allowed me to pursue a larger story. But it all started with a boy feeding a bird at the beach.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“ In the beginning it will be hard, but ” we’ll learn — we’re not stupid.

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a village chief in Samoa,
where drivers are switching from the right-hand side of the road to the left-hand side

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GUEST COLUMN

Dr. King’s ‘dream,’ 46 years later

Jonathan Bean
McCLATCHY TRIBUNE

Few civil rights documents have been cited more often by more people with differing points of view than the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.’s “I Have a Dream” speech, delivered Aug. 28, 1963, at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington.

Defenders of individual rights — those who believe in colorblind government and personal merit — frequently cite the line, “I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.”

Defenders of race preferences cite other parts of the speech, reflecting a different side of Dr. King. “In a sense we’ve come to our nation’s capital to cash a check,” he said.

When the architects of our republic wrote

Today’s liberals cannot have it both ways, embracing the means but not the dream.

the magnificent words of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, they were signing a promissory note to which every American was to fall heir.

“... It is obvious today,” King said, “that America has defaulted on this promissory note, insofar as her citizens of color are concerned. Instead of honoring this sacred obligation, America has given the Negro people a bad check, a check which has come back marked ‘insufficient funds.’”

Dr. King emphasized “the fierce urgency of now,” and rejected “the tranquilizing drug of gradualism.”

Clearly, some interpreters argue, King would support “benign” discrimination, such as race preferences, to right past wrongs. Who is correct?

Did Dr. King seek an America where each individual would be judged on his or her own merit, or was he ostensibly a political figure, seeking government intervention to achieve some notion of racial “justice?”

Since he was assassinated in 1968, it’s impossible to know what King’s positions on race and liberty might be today.

Based on his philosophy at the time, however, there is every reason to believe that King, like his associate Jesse Jackson, would have embraced massive government intervention, including preferences, for blacks.

The “Dream” speech was short on specifics, but in a book published the following year, “Why We Can’t Wait,” King advocated “compensatory or preferential treatment” for past discrimination against blacks.

He also proposed a “Bill of Rights for the Disadvantaged” that would offer government benefits to minorities and “the forgotten white poor.”

These policy demands, to be fair, were a means and not an end.

His dream was a world that looked beyond the group distinction of race and into “the content of (individual) character.”

Thus, in 1968, King would oppose a “diversity liberalism” that makes a fetish of skin color.

Today’s liberals cannot have it both ways, embracing the means but not the dream.

If diversity is the end, meaning certain percentages of certain types of individuals — whites, blacks, Latinos, Asians — carefully

dispersed throughout society, there is no limit to racial and ethnic engineering.

Skin color and ethnicity become commodities traded in the marketplace of “diversity.” Martin Luther King Jr. was a social democrat who favored a large government role in society.

Yet King the speechmaker understood that the large national audience he addressed opposed his politics but was open to a reversal of Jim Crow.

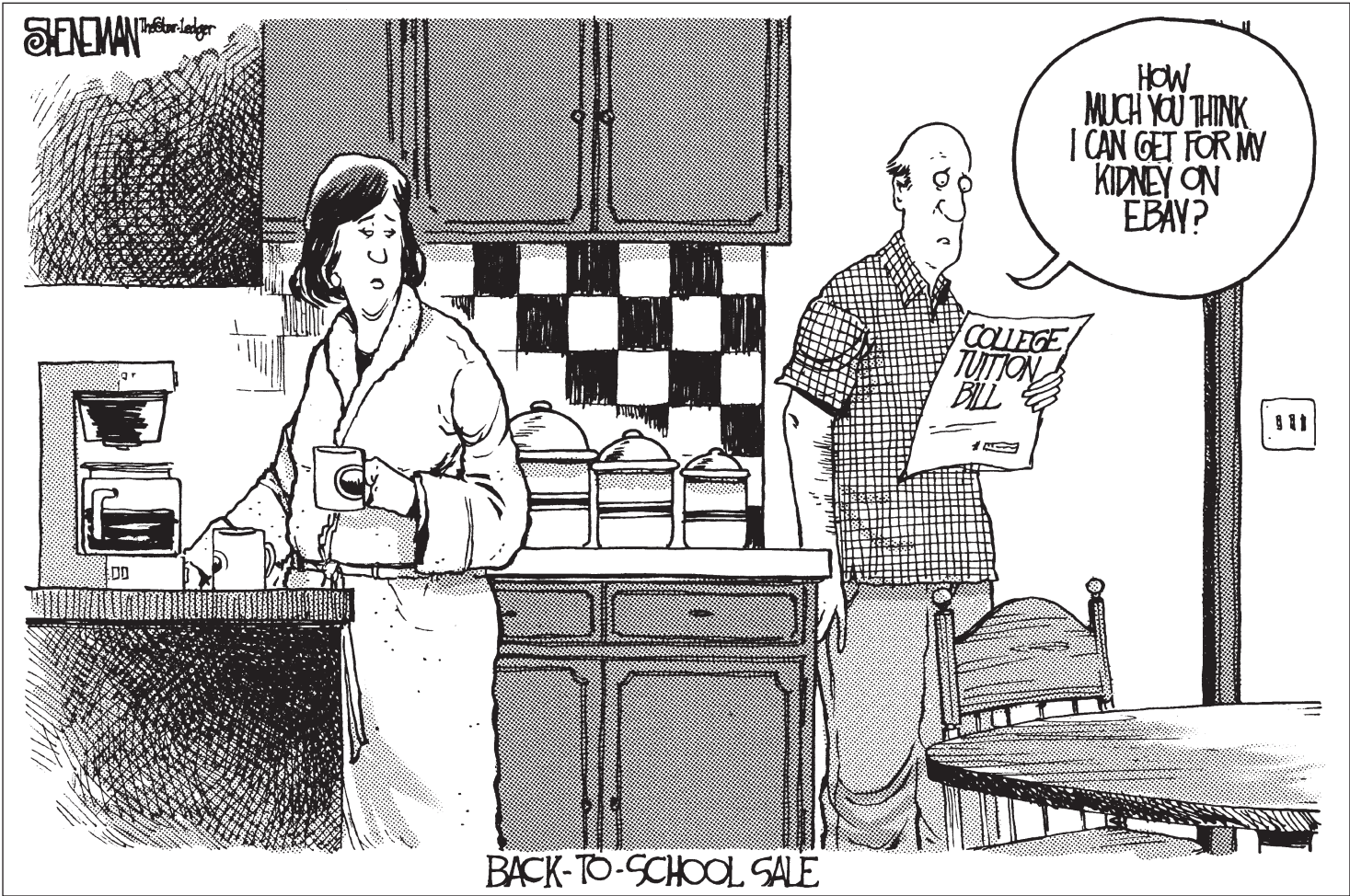
In reaching that audience, Dr. King carefully chose words that resonated with Americans across the political spectrum, words that rang true to the “American dream” as embodied in the Declaration of Independence.

On that narrow score, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s “Dream” speech offered something for everyone: defenders of individual rights and the racially aggrieved alike.

That is why his words entered the American canon of speech and why Americans today continue to celebrate them.

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Tips for a safe nightlife

- Go out in groups and stay together
- Do not leave a drink unattended for any amount of time
- Designate a sober driver for nights out
- Drink in moderation
- Keep track of how much you have been drinking
- Eat before going out for the night
- Do not leave a party/bar with someone you do not know
- Know that it takes 30 to 90 minutes from your last drink for the effects to set in
- Watch and be aware for signs of alcohol poisoning and call the authorities.

The start of fall semester brings many students to Carbondale for the first time. The DAILY EGYPTIAN would like to offer several safety tips from the Wellness Center and the SIUC Police Department on how to go out and stay out of trouble.

Some signs of alcohol poisoning:

- Cold, clammy, bluish skin
- Irregular breathing
- Vomiting

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Dealers hope for payment as Clunkers program ends

Ken Thomas
Stephen Manning
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WASHINGTON — The wildly successful \$3 billion Cash for Clunkers program has generated more than half a million car sales. Now dealers hope to get paid.

The deadline for car dealers to submit reimbursement paperwork for the federal car incentives ended Tuesday night, a day after the government halted new sales under the program. Dealers received extra time to submit records for the car rebates as the government's Web site set up to handle the program struggled to accommodate dealers' rush to submit last minute claims.

With hundreds of thousands of consumers having driven off in new fuel-efficient vehicles since the program began in late July, many car dealers worry about further delays in getting repaid for the \$3,500 or \$4,500 per vehicle incentives despite assurances from the Obama administration.

Through early Tuesday, dealers had submitted 665,000 vouchers totaling \$2.77 billion. Many dealerships have worked overnight in recent days to submit each trade-in vehicle's 13-page reimbursement application, including the title, proof of registration and proof of insurance.

Chuck Eddy, a Chrysler dealer

in Youngstown, Ohio, completed more than 100 Clunker deals in late July and August and wrapped up his final deal on Saturday afternoon. He considers the program a "true, true stimulus" but said he's still owed \$390,000. "I still haven't been paid my first dollar," Eddy said. "That just makes you a little nervous."

"It's the best program we all hate," Eddy said.

Jim Arrigo, who owns two Chrysler dealerships in south Florida, estimated that his two stores are owed more than \$1 million for 270 deals through the program. He has only received payment for six vehicle sales.

"Thank god that we have the cash flow to make it but in some cases, a lot of dealers, it's been very difficult for them," Arrigo said.

The government's Web site has been overloaded as many more consumers than expected rushed to take advantage of rebates taken off the price of new cars in return for trading in older, less fuel-efficient vehicles. Through last Thursday, the most recent data available, the Transportation Department had reviewed and processed more than 150,000 applications and approved just \$140 million in payments to dealers, a fraction of the program's

funding.

Some members of Congress have urged the administration to speed up the payment process. "It is up to the U.S. Department of Transportation to respond to the applications submitted by our auto dealers in a fair and timely manner," said Rep. Tim Walz, D-Minn.

It's the best program we all hate.

— Chuck Eddy
a Chrysler dealer

The National Automobile Dealers Association recommended that dealers e-mail claims to the clunkers Web site, CARS.gov, to create a back-up paper record in case they couldn't get their deals in on time through the online submission process.

Alex Perdikis, executive vice president of the Washington-area Koons Automotive Companies dealer chain, said Koons employees weren't able to access the claims system for about 45 minutes Tuesday afternoon. That meant that five deals from one of Koons' Toyota dealerships still couldn't be filed.

"It's a waiting game every time you put a deal in. You cross your fingers and hope the site is up," Perdikis said.

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Kenya’s rural drought hurts city dwellers

TOM ODULA
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NAIROBI, Kenya — Crops have shriveled, hundreds of cattle are dead and the World Food Program reported Tuesday that 3.8 million Kenyans need emergency food aid because of a prolonged drought, which is even causing electrical blackouts in the capital because there’s not enough water for hydroelectric plants.

With rivers thinning to a trickle and mountaintop glaciers shrinking, authorities this month began rationing power in the capital, darkening homes and businesses at least three days a week. In Nairobi’s posh, leafy neighborhoods, light bulbs flicker as generators rumble to life. Gym treadmills in luxury hotels jolt to a halt.

The slums, where roughly half the

capital’s 4 million residents live, are being hit the worst. Taps have run dry and residents often wait for days for trucks to deliver expensive potable water.

Business owners say they’re losing money, harming Kenya’s rebound from the violent aftermath of a 2007 presidential election that eviscerated the economy and killed more than 1,000 people.

In Nairobi’s Kosovo slum, hotel manager Irungu wa Kogi said he’s already laid off two waiters. Before the power cuts, the main attraction at his small, tin-roofed hotel was a television. Now the television — and the restaurant — are silent.

“A lot of young men are becoming unemployed and they can’t provide for their families,” he said. “Crime will definitely go up.”

Prime Minister Raila Odinga this month warned of a “catastrophe” if seasonal rains don’t come in October and November, expressing fear that inter-clan violence could ensue. Kenya’s grain harvest is expected to be 28 percent lower. Food prices have jumped by as much as 130 percent.

In Nairobi’s sprawling Kibera slum, tailor Joseph Owino, 40, said he expects that power cuts and customer’s financial problems will slash his income this month by some 80 percent, to less than US\$12 (€8.38). He and his six children now eat a meager breakfast of maize meal and black tea and skip lunch.

“We buy hoofs which have been thrown away and cook them with vegetables so that it has a meaty taste,” he said. “Don’t even ask me the last time I drank a soda.”

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Robert Lee, 63, of Carbondale, advertises his “Mojo Sticks” by playing his harmonica for people passing on the Strip outside of PK’s Lounge Sunday. Lee said he makes his living off the sale of the sticks that he carves and decorates himself. “I’m just trying to make it through another day,” Lee said.



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ENROLLMENT

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Chancellor Sam Goldman said he would not comment on specific enrollment numbers, but said this has been a very different year for the university.

“We are still registering people,” Goldman said. “We are seeing some surges coming in.”

Victoria Valle, assistant vice chancellor for enrollment management, said many potential students have opted for community colleges in their

hometown areas, believing they can no longer afford to attend a university.

“Community colleges probably are going to be up because they’re less expensive,” Valle said.

Goldman said the official numbers would come out in due course, but while many are still holding their hope for increased numbers, the reality of the recession may prove otherwise. Poshard said with the set of circumstances facing the university, it would be highly unusual for SIUC’s enrollment to increase.

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— Victoria Valle
assistant vice chancellor for enrollment management

AFFORDABILITY

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Goldman said the university has dealt with the lack of state support as well as possible. Spring semester, the university passed the lowest tuition increase since 2002, he said. In May, the Board of Trustees approved a 4.5 percent tuition increase.

“That put pressure on our budget,” Goldman said. “And we have to find ways to deal with that.”

Bost said colleges and universities most likely would not see any increases in state support until Illinois has a governor who is committed to higher education. It has to be made a priority, he said, and it hasn’t been since 2002.

Poshard said the set of circumstances before SIUC has been difficult to overcome, but he hopes things will turn around.

“I’m hoping for the best,” Poshard said.

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In addition to the guided tours, The Bike Surgeon sponsored a bicycle stunt demo and Attitude Designs gave out free T-shirts. Free food and drinks were also provided by the Recreation Center and other businesses.

Cole said the businesses had the advantage of being the first to approach new students and show them they have a valued product or service. She said students are an important part of business in Carbondale.

Local band Sam West Trio provided musical entertainment for the event and played a wide range of genres including fusion, jazz and soul.

“We are happy to be a part of it,” said Sam West, vocalist of the Trio. “We’re looking forward to people dancin’ and groovin’.”

Julia Mangler, a freshman from Crystal Lake studying business, said she came mostly for the free giveaways.

“The free stuff is cool, and you get to meet people and you learn about the town,” she said.



Michelle Streetman, a senior studying zoology from Breese, shows her bird Piper to other students at the Meet Me on Main event Tuesday. Streetman was one of many participants who attended the event to learn more about the Carbondale area and local businesses.

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Max Herlache, a sophomore from Chicago studying physics, spends his Tuesday afternoon playing volleyball behind the SIU Arena with five other physics students and staff as part of a weekly game. The group continues to play together each week despite the summer intramural program they began their team under being cancelled recently.

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Freshmen look to bump volleyball team up the standings

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The new Saluki volleyball players are listed as freshmen, but their upperclassmen teammates say they work like seasoned veterans.

“Our freshmen are amazing. They just jumped right in it, and they didn’t miss a beat,” said junior outside hitter Sydney Clark.

“They are working hard in the weight room and in practice. It’s like they aren’t even freshmen; we’re all one big team. There isn’t an awkward hierarchy.”

“I want to teach them what it takes to be a Saluki — the pride and competitiveness that we have.

— Chandra Roberson
senior middle blocker

The SIU volleyball team brought in five new players to replace their four departing seniors. New to the team are freshmen Rachael Brown, Alysia Mayes, Keana Richardson, Laura Thole and Bailey Yeager.

The freshmen are trying to help bring the team back to the Missouri Valley Conference tournament, which it missed by one match last year.

For the team to get back to the conference tournament, senior middle blocker Chandra Roberson said she, along with the other seniors, must pass down their knowledge to the freshmen.

“I remember when I was a freshman and was looking up to seniors then. So, I like that I can be a leader and a role model to the underclassmen,” Roberson said. “I want to teach them what it is like to be a Saluki — the pride and competitiveness that we have.”

“I think that we have a really great team; everyone contributes. We really can’t do it without one person.

— Bailey Yeager
freshman outside hitter

While the new players could learn plenty from the veterans on the practice court, head coach Brenda Winkeler said the freshmen would have the chance to showcase their skills in competition and earn significant playing time.

Winkeler said the freshmen would y get a chance to make a play, and with the depth of the squad, she said she expects some to be key contributors.

Freshman outside hitter Yeager is already feeling more at ease.

“At first I was really nervous, but the girls made me feel really welcomed and it really got me into the swing of things. Now everything is fine,” she said. “I think that we are going to do very well in the fall. I think we have a really great team, everyone contributes. We really can’t do it without one person.”

“It’s like they aren’t even freshman, we’re all one big team. There isn’t an awkward heirarchy. It’s a good situation to work with.

— Sydney Clark
junior outside hitter



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Freshman outside hitter Bailey Yeager returns the ball in Saturday’s scrimmage at Davies Gym. “The girls made me feel really welcome and it really got me into the swing of things,” Yager said. Yager will be competing in her first match as a Saluki Friday against Stephen F. Austin State University at the NIU Invitational in DeKalb.

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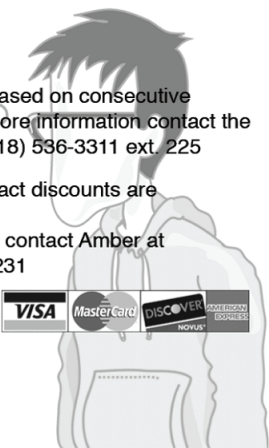
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Northern Illinois hopes to build on success under Kill



Minnesota running back Duane Bennett scored the winning touchdown with time running down in the fourth quarter against Northern Illinois, on Aug. 30, 2008, in Minneapolis, Minn.

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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DEKALB — In Jerry Kill's first season, Northern Illinois football staged a dramatic turnaround by tripling the number of wins from the previous year and earning a bowl berth.

The Huskies head into a new season looking for more positive steps with Kill increasingly comfortable at the program's helm and players more familiar with his system and philosophy.

"(Coaching) at Southern Illinois it took two years to get our feet on the ground and I think it will take two years here," said Kill, whose Northern Illinois team went 6-7 last year, including a 17-10 Independence Bowl loss to Louisiana Tech.

"But we do know our personnel better, I think we know which direction we need to go in recruiting."

The Huskies return a starting quarterback, capable runners and a

solid offensive line. The defense features 10 veterans from a unit that was the Mid-American Conference's stingiest.

Sophomore quarterback Chandler Harnish topped the Huskies in passing (1,528 yards) and rushing (539 yards) last fall despite missing five games with a foot injury. He'll leave more of the running this fall to returning tailbacks Me'co Brown (510 yards), Ricky Crider and Chad Spann.

Veteran center Eddie Adamski has started 37 of the last 38 games and anchors the offensive line. Also back is starting left guard Jason Onyebugu and left tackle Trevor Olson.

Northern Illinois has a flock of freshmen competing for wide receiver slots vacated by graduating starters.

The Huskies return only for starters to a defense that ranked among the top 20 in the nation in several categories last year, including total defense,

scoring defense and pass defense. The team frequently rotated its personnel, though, so coaches are confident they'll avoid a significant drop off this year.

Northern Illinois will have to find a way to make up for the loss of defensive end Larry English, who became the first Huskies' first first-round NFL draft pick in April when he was picked by the San Diego Chargers.

"You don't replace a guy like (English), but what's happened is that he's made other guys better," Kill said.

Returning safety David Bryant led the Huskies with 83 tackles, including 46 unassisted. Also back in kicker Mike Salerno, perfect on extra points (34) while hitting 18-of-24 field goal tries.

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Saluki Insider

Quarterbacks Kyle Orton and Jay Cutler will be facing their former teams, the Chicago Bears and Denver Broncos, in a preseason game Sunday. Which quarterback will perform better against their former team?



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I would love to believe Kyle Orton will show the Bears that they shouldn't have traded him away in the offseason and tear their defense apart. However, I am a realist, and Jay Cutler will probably show everybody that it was a smart trade. Besides, each player will probably only play four or five series anyway.



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I think that Jay Cutler will outplay Orton, simply because I think he has got a better arm. He is just a better player than Orton and is better under pressure and in the pocket. We'll see if Orton can survive the Bears big defense.

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Mets trade reliever Billy Wagner to Red Sox

Jimmy Golen
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON — Billy Wagner is on his way to the Boston Red Sox, leaving the New York Mets for the chance to pitch in a pennant race as a setup man for All-Star closer Jonathan Papelbon.

After a few days of back-and-forth talks about Wagner's future, the depleted Mets traded the left-handed reliever to the Red Sox on Tuesday for two players to be named.

The AL wild-card leaders had claimed Wagner on waivers, and the teams worked out a deal that persuaded Wagner to waive his no-trade clause. Wagner's main motivation, according to agent Bean Stringfellow, was his "overwhelming desire to pitch in a pennant race."

"He woke up and decided he wanted to join a team in the middle of a pennant race to have a chance to pitch in October and to have a chance to get a ring, which he's never done," Red Sox general manager Theo Epstein said. "There were some ups and downs and turns in the decision, but in the end he told us he woke up today and really wanted a chance to win a World Series, and came here for all the right reasons."

Boston agreed not to pick up his \$8 million option for next season, Stringfellow said in an e-mail to The Associated Press. The Red Sox can still offer salary arbitration to Wagner in the offseason, Stringfellow said, meaning they would be entitled to draft picks as compensation if he signs elsewhere.

The 38-year-old Wagner will join the team in Boston on Thursday.

Papelbon has 29 saves in 32 opportunities this season, with a 2.04 ERA and 58 strikeouts in 53 innings. He had been protective of his role and publicly lukewarm to the idea of Wagner joining the bullpen, but the 28-year-old righty called Wagner to make him feel welcome and said Tuesday he was not bothered by the acquisition.

"We're excited to have him and hopefully he can help us to win a championship," Papelbon said. "I've watched him through the years. The biggest thing is, he pitches with heart. I love guys like that. I love guys that go out there and wear their heart on their sleeves."

Red Sox reliever Manny Delcarmen, who might see some of his innings go to Wagner, was also supportive.

"Not many pitchers throw near 100 (mph) from the left side," Delcarmen said. "Hopefully he's healthy and I know he can help us. As long as he's healthy and can contribute, I think it's great."

The Red Sox entered the night seven games behind the New York Yankees in the AL East and 1½ games up on the Texas Rangers in the wild-card race.

"I'm happy for him to get an opportunity with a team that seems headed to the postseason," Mets manager Jerry Manuel said. "He should do well."

Wagner ranks sixth all-time with 385 career saves, and wants to finish out his career as a closer. He's

not likely to get that chance this year with Boston; then again, he hasn't gotten to pitch in the World Series, either.

"He wanted to be part of a pennant race," Mets general manager Omar Minaya said on a conference call. "We were able to get a couple of prospects for him. We felt it was the right thing to do."

Had Wagner rejected the deal, the Mets would have had to pay the nearly \$3.5 million left on his contract.

Wagner has pitched two scoreless innings since recently returning from major surgery on his left elbow last September. He had lost his role as the Mets' closer after their offseason acquisition of Francisco Rodriguez.

Epstein said they would not use Wagner in back-to-back games.

"We're realistic," Epstein said. "He's less than a year from Tommy John surgery."

Wagner's contract includes a \$1 million buyout for next year. If his option is declined, he can become a free agent in the offseason and sign with any team.

Wagner has said he would like to pass John Franco (424) for the most saves by a left-handed pitcher.

Following a quicker-than-expected return from surgery and rehab, Wagner returned to the injury-ravaged Mets on Thursday night and struck out two in a perfect inning against Atlanta, with his fastball reaching 96 mph.

Wagner struck out two more in a hitless eighth inning Monday against first-place Philadelphia.

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Veterans look to lead defense



Linebacker Ryan Patton receives medical attention for a minor cut he received during a team scrimmage Saturday at McAndrew Stadium. Patton is one of nine returning starters on the defensive side.

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Saluki football coach Dale Lennon compared the comfort level of his defense to an old hat.

Not in the way that it needs washing, but in that there are no new surprises, especially with a veteran squad.

"There is no substitute (for

experience). One thing every coach wants to get to when they have veterans on their team," Lennon said. "Now everything is old hats. The comfort zone is definitely there and the aggressiveness is a little bit higher along with that."

While the defense was impressive last season, defensive coordinator Bubba Schweigert said the unit has improved. Where last season

everybody was grasping the newly implemented 3-4 defense, this season the squad has grown much more comfortable with the scheme and the difference is clear, he said.

"This system relies on communication. The guys are now extremely comfortable with the calls, and the most important thing is they understand the schemes; they know why they're doing what we want them to do," Schweigert said.

Among the returning players are junior Korey Lindsey, a third-team All-American last season, first team All-Conference redshirt senior inside linebacker Brandin Jordan, second team All-

Conference safety Marty Rodgers and senior outside linebacker Chauncey Mixon.

Mixon said the experienced defenders no longer have to worry about learning a scheme.

"Now we get to focus on the looks instead of having to learn the whole new scheme," Mixon said. "Now we just come out and take it the other offenses."

Schweigert said the players have to be careful not to let the

experience hamper their focus on the field.

"Doesn't matter which year you are or how much experience you have,

you have to bring it on the field. We can bring in a lot more of our defense than we could at this time last season."

Lennon said last season's defensive success was surprising, but this season he expects it.

"Last year we were just hoping to be good; this year we have the expectations that we can be good."

"Now everything is old hats. The comfort zone is definitely there and the aggressiveness is a little bit higher along with that."

— Dale Lennon
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